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Under the Adoption of the
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House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

The Committee was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by Chairman Alario.

On motion of Rep. LeBlanc, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Motion

On motion of Rep. LeBlanc, the Committee took under consideration House Bill No. 1 at this time.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1 —
BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBLANC
AN ACT

Making appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the executive branch of state government, pensions, public schools, public roads, public charities, and state institutions and providing with respect to the expenditure of said appropriations.

Read by title.

Motion

On motion of Rep. LeBlanc, the committee, in considering House Bill No. 1, proceeded *seriatim*.

Rep. Glover sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Glover in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 54, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

AMENDMENT NO. 9

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to the Business Services Program for expenses associated with the Independence Bowl \$ 200,000"

Rep. Glover moved the adoption of the amendments.

Rep. LeBlanc objected.

By a vote of 41 yeas and 54 nays, the amendments were rejected.

Motion to Adopt Committee Rule

On motion of Rep. Thompson, the committee adopted a committee rule to require each amendment which adds appropriated funds to any budget item to have an accompanying amendment reducing a budget item in a like or greater amount.

Rep. Morrell sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Morrell in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 137, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

"Payable out of Federal Funds from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Block Grant to the Client Services Program to place social workers in schools labeled "academically unacceptable" under the School and District Accountability Program \$ 5,000,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 137, at the end of line 20, change "15,000,000" to "14,202,128"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 137, at the end of line 21, change "10,000,000" to "9,468,085"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 137, at the end of line 22, change "5,500,000" to "5,207,447"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 137, at the end of line 25, change "9,000,000" to "8,521,277"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 137, at the end of line 26, change "2,000,000" to "1,893,617"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 137, at the end of line 28, change "2,000,000" to "1,893,617"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 137, at the end of line 29, change "3,500,000" to "3,313,830"

On page 137, at the end of line 30, change "2,250,000" to "2,130,319"

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AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 137, at the end of line 32, change "4,000,000" to "3,787,234"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 137, at the end of line 37, change "2,000,000" to "1,893,617"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 137, at the end of line 38, change "4,000,000" to "3,787,234"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 137, at the end of line 42, change "10,000,000" to "9,468,085"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 137, at the end of line 44, change "3,000,000" to "2,840,426"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 137, at the end of line 45, change "3,000,000" to "2,840,426"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 137, at the end of line 46, change "18,000,000" to "17,042,553"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 137, at the end of line 47, change "750,000" to "710,106"

Rep. Morrell moved the adoption of the amendments.

Rep. LeBlanc objected.

By a vote of 19 yeas and 75 nays, the amendments were rejected.

Rep. Jack Smith sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Jack Smith in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 160, after line 53, insert the following:

"The Commissioner of Administration is hereby directed to increase the Table of Organization in the Administration Program by two (2) positions, in the Management and Finance Program by eighteen (18) positions, in the Occupational Information Services Program by thirty-two (32) positions, in the Unemployment Benefits Program by four (4) positions, and in the Worker Protection Program by six (6) positions."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 162, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

"The Commissioner of Administration is hereby directed to increase the Table of Organization in the Injured Workers' Benefit Protection Program by ten (10) positions."

On motion of Rep. Jack Smith, the amendments were adopted.

Rep. Townsend sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Townsend in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 182, after line 49, insert the following:

"Provided, however, that of the State General Fund (Direct) appropriation contained herein for the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, no funds shall be used for the operation of a Master of Nursing - Nurse Anesthesia training program or a Master of Anesthesia Science - Anesthesiologist Assistant training program."

Rep. Townsend moved the adoption of the amendments.

Rep. Murray objected.

By a vote of 24 yeas and 72 nays, the amendments were rejected.

Rep. Hutter sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Hutter in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 176, line 19, change "20,000,00" to "18,200,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 176, after line 46, insert the following:

"The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to reduce the state general fund appropriation contained herein by \$1,800,000"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 199, after line 42, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for operating expenses of Delgado Community College	\$ 1,800,000"
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Rep. Hutter moved the adoption of the amendments.

Rep. LeBlanc objected.

By a vote of 29 yeas and 66 nays, the amendments were rejected.

Rep. Hutter sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Hutter in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 199, after line 42, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for operating expenses of Delgado Community College, which appropriation shall become effective in the event that the Revenue Estimating Conference cognizes additional revenues to the State General Fund from the operation of a fourteenth licensed riverboat during this fiscal year, and only to the extent that such revenues are recognized \$ 1,800,000"

Rep. Hutter moved the adoption of the amendments.

Rep. LeBlanc objected.

By a vote of 25 yeas and 70 nays, the amendments were rejected.

Rep. Riddle sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Riddle in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 227, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

"Payable out of the State General Fund by Statutory Dedications from the Education Excellence Fund to be allocated as a per pupil distribution for Type 2 Charter Schools \$ 64,551"

On motion of Rep. Riddle, the amendments were adopted.

Rep. Pratt sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Pratt in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 228, between lines 21 and 22, insert:

"Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) for a pay raise for noncertificated support personnel employed by local school systems and for unclassified, noncertificated support personnel employed by the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired, the Louisiana School for the Deaf, the Louisiana Special Education Center, the Louisiana School for Math, Sciences and the Arts, the Southern and the LSU Lab Schools, the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts, the Special School Districts, as defined by the state Department of Education Bulletin 1929 as aides (function codes 1000-4900, object code 115), clerical/secretarial (function codes 1000-4900, object code 114), service

worker (function codes 1000-4900, object code 116), skilled craftsman (function codes 1000-4900, object code 117), and other personnel (function codes 1000-4900, object code 100, 110, and 119), and for nonpublic lunchroom employees eligible for state salary supplements \$ 22,000,000"

Point of Order

Rep. LeBlanc asked for a ruling from the Chair as to whether the amendments were in conformance with the rules of the Committee of the Whole House.

Ruling of the Chair

The Chair ruled the amendments were not in conformance with the rules of the Committee of the Whole House.

On motion of Rep. Pratt, the amendments were withdrawn.

Rep. Morrell sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Morrell in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 212, between lines 30 and 31, insert the following:

"The commissioner of administration is directed to reduce the state general funds appropriated for the TOPS Tuition Program by One Million Two Hundred Fifty-five Thousand One Hundred (\$1,255,100) Dollars."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 222, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

"The commissioner of administration is directed to reduce the state general funds appropriated for the LEAP 21 Testing Program by One Million Seventy-eight Thousand (\$1,078,000) Dollars, and to reduce the state general funds appropriated for the Distinguished Educators Program by Three Hundred Thirty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred (\$338,800) Dollars."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 227, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

"The commissioner of administration is directed to reduce the state general funds appropriated for the K-8 School Rewards by Seven Hundred Seventy Thousand (\$770,000) Dollars and to reduce the state general funds appropriated for the High Stakes Remediation Funding by Seven Hundred Seventy Thousand (\$770,000) Dollars and to reduce the state general funds appropriated for the Tutoring Activity by Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) Dollars and to reduce the state general funds appropriated for the Graduate Exit Exam Summer School by Two Hundred Thirty-one Thousand (\$231,000) Dollars and to reduce the state general funds appropriated for the High School Improvement Grants by Fifty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty (\$57,750) Dollars."

Payable out of the State General Fund (Direct) to place social workers

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in school's labeled "academically unacceptable" under the School and District Accountability Program \$ 5,000,650"

Rep. Morrell moved the adoption of the amendments.

Rep. LeBlanc objected.

By a vote of 12 yeas and 84 nays, the amendments were rejected.

Rep. Fauchaux sent up floor amendments which were read as follows:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Fauchaux in the Committee of the Whole House to Engrossed House Bill No. 1 by Representative LeBlanc

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 247, after line 44, insert the following:

"Payable out of State General Fund
by Statutory Dedications out of the
River Parishes Convention Tourists
and Visitors Commission Fund in
accordance with R.S. 47:322.15 \$ 120,000"

On motion of Rep. Fauchaux, the amendments were adopted.

Motion

On motion of Rep. LeBlanc, the Committee of the Whole House agreed to rise and report.

ALFRED W. SPEER
Clerk of the House